30. **Mr. K. Ayyappan**.—This Council recommends to the Government to make jaggery tapping free of licenses.

31. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**— This Council recommends to the Government that the Economic Development Committee be so constituted as to have at least two-thirds of its members elected by the non-official Members of the Legislative Council.

32. **Mr. T. K. Nayar.**—This Council recommends to the Government to allow the Teacher of Advanced Accountancy and Company Law in the Central Technical Institution at Trichur to take up Audit work of Joint Stock Companies in Trichur with a view to introduce the students into the practical field.

33. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—This Council recommends to the Government to allow the clerks in the Government service to attend to their duties in their National dress.

34. Home Science in Girls' Education.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Sir, the resolution is this:—"This Council recommends to the Government to make home science a compulsory subject in Girls' Education."

ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ വലിയ പ്രസംഗമൊന്നുമാവശ്യമില്ല. പെൺകുട്ടികൾ കറിവെക്കുവാനും മറ്റും അറിഞ്ഞിരിയ്ക്കേണ്ടതല്ലേ? അതുകൊണ്ടു ഗാർഹശാസ്ത്രം അവരെ പഠിപ്പിയ്ക്കേണ്ടതു് അത്യാവശ്യമാണു്. ഈ നിശ്ചയം Women's Confrence-ൽ പാസ്സായിട്ടുള്ളതാണു്. ഇതിനെ ഈ സഭ സ്വീകരിയ്ക്കുമെന്നു വിശ്വസിയ്ക്കുന്നു.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I second it.

മിസ്റ്റർ ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ.—ഈ പ്രമേയം സ്വീകരിപ്പാൻ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിനു യാതൊരു ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടുമില്ല. ചിലതെല്ലാം ഇപ്പോൾതന്നെ പഠിപ്പിച്ചുവരുന്നുണ്ടു്. മറ്റുള്ളതും എല്ലാ സ്കൂളുകളിലും വരുത്തണമെന്നതന്നെയാണു് ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ നിശ്ചയം. ഇതു Primary class കളിൽ സാധിയ്ക്കയില്ല. Lower Secondary and Upper Secondary classes അല്ലേ mean ചെയ്യുന്നതു"?.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.—അതെ, അതെ.

മിസ്റ്റർ ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ.—എന്തൊക്കെ വിഷയങ്ങളാണു് പഠിപ്പിയ്ക്കേണ്ടതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ.—അതെല്ലാം വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ ഡയറക്ടരുടെ discretion അനുസരിച്ചു മതി.

മിസ്റ്റർ ഐ. എൻ. മെനോൻ.—അല്ല വല്ല suggestions ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ സ്വീകരിയ്ക്കാം എന്നു പറഞ്ഞതാണു്.

The resolution was withdrawn with leave of the House.

35. Contribution to Panchayats.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— Sir, The resolution reads thus :—"This Council recommends to the Government that a larger amount be annually given to the various Panchayats in the State for the maintenance of the roads under them."

Sir, we have as many as 86 Panchayats in the State and these panchayats do maintain a certain mile of roads within their respective areas. The difficulty of construction of roads is best known to the Panchayats concerned. So many processes have

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to be gone into before a road can be constructed at present. Now I am not on those difficulties. After constructing a road, from year to year, it has to be maintained. The present sort of maintenance of these roads is something which is a disgrace to the Panchayats concerned and therefore to the Cochin Government. I understand on enquiry—but I do not vouchsafe the correctness of the information; I had asked for some information from the Government regarding this matter namely the way in which they give maintenance allotments and whether there is any standard, etc. But that piece of information has not been made available that in certain cases that they do not even get one anna per mile of the road. What sort of maintenance it will be it requires no superhuman intelligence to understand. The prayer contained in this resolution is that if that is the amount allotted a sufficiently large amount should be allotted by the Government for the maintenance of Panchayat roads especially as we have now a separate Panchayat Department and that department is doing really beneficial work to the people. Let it not be said by the Registrar of Panchayats that his hands are tied by the Government and funds are not available. We have got a separate departmental head on Rs. 250 to 300, who is quite keen about his work. Let us place sufficient funds at his hands. I commend this resolution to this house.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—I beg to support the resolution. It is, perhaps, not necessary for me to say much on this subject, because all the Hon'ble Members can easily understand the importance of rural reconstruction, for which even a committee has been appointed by the Government of Cochin. It is well known that Cochin is an agricultural State and that 85 or 90 per cent of the people are, in some way or other connected with agriculture. When we speak of rural reconstruction we are speaking of ways and means for improving the economic condition of this agricultural people, and I think one of the most efficient and essential methods of improving the condition of the agricultural people of our State is by affording greater facilities of village communication. It may be we have a sufficient mileage of trunk roads, connecting the State with other parts and other States of India. But many of the villages at present are not connected with the main trunk roads, and, even where they are connected by Panchayat roads, these roads are in many cases in a hopeless condition. The main reason for this state of things is that sufficient funds are not allotted for the proper maintenance of these roads. Several Panchayat members were making complaints—and I too have heard some of these complaints—, about the insufficiency of funds allotted for the maintenance of these roads. When we speak of agricultural people

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and their condition we profess great sympathy for them and we say that this mainstay of the country should be improved. But when ways and means for improving their condition by means of rural amenities and rural communications are discussed, we look upon them as a very insignificant matter or at least as a matter of secondary importance. Unless the villages are properly connected with the towns and unless there are proper facilities of communication within the villages themselves, the economic condition of our people cannot be improved. One of the main reasons for the present economic depression in our State is the lack of proper facilities of communication. At least to some extent, therefore, the economic depression can be relieved by providing proper means of communication. One important factor of the economic depression of to-day is that our agricultural products do not fetch proper prices, because they could not be taken to the proper market; and that therefore, the poor villagers have to sell them at any price they may fetch. Hence, it is very necessary for the improvement of the economic condition of the agriculturists that proper facilities of communication have to be provided for the villages; and one important means of providing such facilities will be to spend a larger amount for the maintenance of the roads already existing, and also on the construction of new roads. For these reasons I strongly support this resolution.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—In supporting this resolution I wish to say a word or two. No doubt we can all expect what the answer of the Government will be in this connection and we are also aware that a fairly large amount has been spent upon the Panchayat department the main function of which, as we all know, is road construction and village sanitation. Then we are perfectly aware that the grant made by the Government to the Panchayats in this connection is hardly sufficient to meet any of the purposes sufficiently satisfactorily. Therefore it is time enough to consider the possibility of increasing or rather bettering the financial resources of the several Panchayats apart from the contribution from the Government. With a view to this, and to ascertain certain facts I had put a couple of questions one of which has been answered, in this session, but I was unable to put any supplementary question in connection with that because the time for interpellation was over. That is question No. 316. No doubt I know what the fact is and the answer is to the effect 'no'. I had also put another question in continuation of this which for a technical defect was disallowed. Therefore there is no means of knowing what the attitude of Government is with regard to the proposal underlying this interpellation namely whether the Government has any idea or

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any scheme in preparation or under contemplation to augment the resources of the several Panchayats apart from the contribution. Unless some such attempt is made it is no use saying that the Government is not doing all that they can do, because the whole thing depends on the finances at the disposal of the Government. Therefore I support this resolution not in the sense that amounts should be supplied by the Government, but an attempt should be made to increase the financial resources of the Panchayats to augment the contribution from Government.

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—This road maintenance question has already engaged the attention of Government. The allotment for the maintenance of Panchayat roads used to be between 17 and 18 thousands a year. This year it is Rs. 18,701. The number of miles of Panchayat roads to be maintained is 545. So the allotment may seem insufficient. But it must also be noted that on several of these roads there is not much of heavy traffic. However Government ordered a remeasurement of all these roads and the preparation of road-war estimates for maintenance, the rate for each mile of road being fixed according to the importance of the road. According to the estimates thus prepared the total cost of maintenance comes to Rs. 31,777 as against Rs. 18,701 provided for the current year, and Government have sanctioned this amount from 1108 onwards. I presume this will be considered satisfactory.

The resolution was withdrawn with leave of the House.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I move that the House do adjourn.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—I second it

Deputy President.—It is only half past 3. We shall sit for one hour more and finish the business. Those who want to go may go. Do you want to press the motion?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—No. The Hon'ble Member for Vadakkancheri is very anxious to sit here and enjoy.

36. Bureau of Economics and Statistics.

As the mover was absent the following resolution was considered withdrawn.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—"*This Council recommends to the Government to establish a bureau of Economics and Statistics in the State.*"

37. Women warders and watchers for women undertrial Prisoners.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—"*This Council recommends to the Government to appoint women warders and watchers to afford protection and safety to women under trial prisoners.*"

ഇത് നടപ്പായതിനു ശേഷമേ ഇതിനെപ്പറ്റി പ്രസംഗിക്കുവാൻ പാടുള്ളൂ Police station-ലും മറ്റും താമസിപ്പിക്കേണ്ടിവരുന്ന സ്ത്രീകളുടെ അവ

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